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# U.S. Has 'No Information' On 'Spy for CIA' in Russia

The story in the Soviet Union's Literary Gazette was headlined, "I Was a Spy for the CIA" and purported to be the experience of "John Smith," a native of Quincy, Mass., and now a Russian citizen.

The State Department acknowledges that a John Discoe Smith was employed as a communications clerk from 1950 to 1959 and was stationed in South Africa, India—where the Moscow article claims Smith worked with the Central Intelligence Agency—and in Austria.

But a State Department spokesman said yesterday that the department has "no information that this man—nor a John Smith, American citizen—is in the Soviet Union, is a Soviet citizen or is a defector from the United States."

The department spokesman added there is no reason to think that their John Discoe Smith was ever employed by the CIA.

## Mother Denies Story

"That isn't my boy," said the mother of John Discoe Smith.

Mrs. Thomas Kantola, remarried and living in Braintree, Mass., said yesterday that her son is "with the government, but I won't say any more." She said she received a letter from her son last week from Rome and said he was "traveling in Europe."

Smith's stepfather wasn't as sure. "He never told us what his job was—just that it was top secret."

The author of the full-page article in the literary newspaper described himself as being born in Quincy and said he attended George Washington University here before going to work for the State Department.

## Feared "Catastrophe"

The writer of the article said he defected because the United States was preparing "a new world catastrophe."

The CIA was denounced as "devilish and dangerous to peace," and Smith said that he later became disaffected with his work and left the State Department. He went to Australia, according to the article, and later lived in Africa, Switzerland, Austria and Italy before deciding to settle in Russia, the Asso-

ciated Press and United Press International reported.

Officials at George Washington University said a John Smith of Quincy, Mass., was enrolled in the university in the fall of 1948, and left in 1950—"suspended for scholastic reasons."

The State Department spokesman said the last record it had of John Discoe Smith showed that a passport was issued in 1960 to England, Sweden, Switzerland and Australia. The passport expired in 1963 and there is no record of any attempt to renew it, the department spokesman said.

Smith, in the article, said he was married to Mary London Smith but did not say where she was now.

Mrs. Kantola told UPI that her son's wife and children were in this country.

The State Department spokesman said the Smith who worked for them was married in 1955 to Mary Francis London, a former Foreign Service secretary, who resigned in January, 1967, and said the department understands she now lives in Quincy.

Smith's resignation, submitted only two days after he returned to the U.S. from his post in Austria in 1959, was a two-line

letter in which he said, without elaborating, that he was quitting for "personal reasons."

Smith said in the article that he helped spy on the embassy of a certain developing country which was oriented toward the Soviet bloc, acted as a CIA liaison man with Indian agents and collected information. He also said that high-ranking Indian military officers were on the CIA payroll and that the intelligence agency tapped the telephone of some of that country's leaders.

In Moscow, a high U.S. embassy spokesman asked to comment on the article said:

"I never heard of this John Smith. The only John Smith I know of was subverted by Pochontas."

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